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SUBJECT: Communication dated 17-1-44 from Mr. J. Pure, requesting the issue of special passes to him and to members of his family.

In accordance with the endorsement of the Officer i/c Foreign Affairs on the attached communication from Mr. J. Pure, an attempt was made on 24-1-44 to communicate with him by phone. Mr. Pure being unable to answer the call on account of illness, his daughter, Miss Margaret(?) Pure, was asked to inform him that his claim for diplomatic status has not been recognized by the authorities and therefore no special passes can be issued to him and to members of his family.

...A. Prokopoff...
A/G. D. I.

Officer i/c Foreign Affairs,
Special Branch.

January 19th., 1944.

Finland is the partner of the Tripartite Powers Pact and has entered war against Soviet Russia in June 1941 together with Germany.

*We can't
recognize
he app. him
as the diplomat*

Mr. H. Tanner is the Finnish Consul-General in Shanghai and Consulate is located at 201 Route Cardinal Mercier.

However Finland has not yet recognized the National Government of China and there are no diplomatic relations between two countries, but the Finnish Consulate-General continues to function as before. The present status of the Finnish Consulate-General same as that of the Swedish Consulate-General as Sweden also has not yet recognized the National Government of China.


Prior to incorporation of Latvia in the U.S.S.R. on August 5th., 1940, Latvian interests in Shanghai were represented by the Finnish Consulate-General and for that purpose Mr. J. PURE was employed by the Consulate in the capacity of a Secretary to look after Latvian interests. However the Finnish Consulate-General ceased to represent Latvian interests on August 14th., 1940 and all documents and files relating to Latvian interests were handed over to the Norwegian Consulate-General which then represented Soviet interests in Shanghai.

Now Latvia is under German occupation. From the above it may be seen that Mr. J. Pure has never held any diplomatic status and now he may be regarded as stateless citizen of Latvian origin.



LATVIAN CONSULAR SECRETARIATE
86 TIFENG ROAD
SHANGHAI

No. 2

Shanghai, January 17th, 1944.

Sirs:

With reference to our verbal conversation of January 15th with one of your representatives, I beg to inform you that since August 1942 I was authorized by my Government to proceed independently with my work as Latvian Consular Secretary which work I started in 1933 under the leadership of the Consul General for Finland.

According to diplomatic standing I am exempt of registration and I shall be much obliged if you will be kind enough to issue the following special passes to members of my family:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Passport</u>	<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Jacob Pure	8415.C	8/9/30	March 3rd/16 March, 1877
Amalia Pure	8414.C	8/9/30	April 28th/o May, 1879
Margaret Pure	8416.C	8/9/30	June 23rd, 1910
Hora Pure	889.E	6/5/34	December 24th, 1916
Alfred Pure	8676.M	28/3/37	July 15th, 1919

I have the honour to be, Sirs,

Your obedient Servant,

Jacob Pure

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